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SUBJ: ILO VIEWS OF NEW SOVIET DEPUTY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE

1. EDOUARD T. BORCHTCHEVSKI, DEPUTY CHIEF, SOVIET MISSION, GENEVA, PAID A COURTESY CALL ON CHARGE TODAY. BORCHTCHEVSKI, WHO ARRIVED ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO, REPLACES ALEXANDRE A. MOLTCHANOV WHO HAS RETURNED TO MOSCOW FOR REASSIGNMENT. PURPOSE OF CALL WAS APPARENTLY TO GET ACQUAINTED AND PRESUMABLY TO ESTABLISH A LINE OF COMMUNICATION WITH THE US MISSION AT THE DEPUTY LEVEL. HE HAS SERVED IN GENEVA BEFORE, LEAVING IN 1968 TO RETURN TO BELORUSSIA WHERE HE SERVED IN A SUPERVISORY CAPACITY WITH ITS COUNCIL OF MINISTERS.

2. DURING THE COURSE OF THE CALL THE CONVERSATION TURNED BRIEFLY TO THE CURRENT DIRECTOR GENERAL VACANCY AT THE ILO. BORCHTCHEVSKI SAID THAT THE SOVIET POSITION WAS NOT TO SEEK A PERMANENT REPLACEMENT AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY. HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT THE SOVIETS FAVOR THE ELECTION OF A DIRECTOR GENERAL AT THE FEBRUARY-MARCH SESSION OF THE GOVERNING BODY AND THAT BECAUSE OF CONVENING OF EUROPEAN REGIONAL CONFERENCE IN JANUARY HE THOUGHT THE ACTING DIRECTOR GENERAL, ABBAS AMMAR, SHOULD BE CONFIRMED AT THE NOVEMBER GOVERNING BODY MEETING TO SERVE UNTIL THE ELECTION OF A DIRECTOR GENERAL.

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3. IN DISCUSSING BORCHTCHEVSKI'S NEW ASSIGNMENT, HE REMARKED

THAT MOSCOW WAS GIVING SOME CONSIDERATION TO THE ASSIGNMENT OF ANOTHER DEPUTY TO THE SOVIET MISSION IN GENEVA TO HOLD CO-EQUAL RANK. THE TWO DEPUTIES WOULD THEN DIVIDE THE WORK SO THAT EACH COULD DEVOTE MORE TIME AND ATTENTION TO SUPERVISING THE SUBSTANTIVE ASPECTS OF THE SOVIET ACTIVITIES IN GENEVA. HOWEVER, HE LEFT US WITH THE IMPRESSION THAT NO DEFINITIVE DECISION HAD BEEN TAKEN ON THIS.

4. ADDITIONAL BIO DATA BEING SENT DEPARTMENT SEPARATELY.
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